infrastructure and provision of 25 per cent seats in private schools for the poor children, in primary education;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations of the committee; and

(c) the status of implementation of these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD.ALIASHRAFFATM1): (a) and (b) The CABE Sub Committees on Girls' Education and the Common School System and on Free and Compulsory Education Bill and Other issues related to elementary education have recommended reservation of 25-30 per cent of seats for poor children in primary education. While the first report mentions of merit as the criteria for admission the latter report suggests random selection.

(c) The implementation of the recommendations will be taken up after acceptance by the Government.

Reservation on religious basis

1436. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minsiter of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been ordering reservation of seats on religious basis in Central Universities in their graduation and post-graduation level's courses;

(b) the details of such universities alongwith the respective orders issued during the last ten years;

(c) the principles governing issuance of orders for reservations on such basis;

(d) the average proportion of students belonging to various religions, including the reserved ones, secured admission in the respective universities pursuant to such order during the above period, stream-wise and year-wise; and

(e) the details of the provisions of reservations of seats, if any, under other categories in vogue in those Central Universities alongwith the years of their introduction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) While the Government does not make any reservation referred to in the question, each Minority Institution may adopt a policy of reservation for the minorities establishing the institution of their choice, provided the relevant Act/Statutes/MoA establishing the institution empower so. The Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) has exercised its powers in respect of reservation under the relevant provisions of the AMU (Amendment) Act, 1981. The Government has conveyed its no-objection to the decision taken by that appropriate authorities of the AMU.

(d) The decision taken by the appropriate authorities of AMU regarding reservation of seats for Muslims is still in the process of being implemented from the current academic session, *viz.* 2005-06.

(e) The reservation of seats under other categories in AMU from the academic session 2005-06 shall be as under:

(i) Internal candidates: 20%

(ii) Nominations by the Vice Chancellor from amongst the children of University employees, including retired employees and those who died in harness, children of alumni, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes, outstanding sports-persons, debaters, NCC Cadets and children of Central Government employees recently transferred to Aligarh: 5%

Where there is no nomination by the Vice Chancellor in a course, the percentage of seats reserved for the internal candidates shall be 25%, instead of 20%.

Further, 3% of the total seats in each of the three categories, namely, Muslims of India, internal candidates and open seats, shall be reserved for the physically challenged candidates (except in MD/MS/PG Diploma courses in the Faculty of Medicine).

The above admission policy shall apply to only those courses of studies upto post-graduate levels where the admissions are made on the basis of entrance tests.